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August 29, 2005

BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY AND E-FILE

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: <u>Bay State Gas Company</u>, D.T.E. 05-27

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State"), please find Bay State's response to the following Record Request:

From the Department:

RR-DTE-116

Please do not hesitate to telephone me with any questions whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

Patricia M. French

cc: Per Ground Rules Memorandum issued June 13, 2005:

Paul E. Osborne, Assistant Director – Rates and Rev. Requirements Div. (1 copy) A. John Sullivan, Rates and Rev. Requirements Div. (4 copies) Andreas Thanos, Assistant Director, Gas Division (1 copy) Alexander Cochis, Assistant Attorney General (4 copies) Service List (1 electronic copy)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

RESPONSE OF BAY STATE GAS COMPANY TO RECORD REQUESTS FROM THE D.T.E. D.T.E. 05-27

Date: August 29, 2005

Responsible: Stephen H. Bryant, President

RR-DTE-116: Please identify any other NiSource companies that have closed their walk-in centers.

Response: Northern Indiana Power Service Company closed three of its four walk-in centers

at about the same time that Bay State closed its walk-in centers. The only other walk-in center throughout the NiSource distribution companies is located in

Lexington, KY.